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FOR THIBAUT, NEA/INS, FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN, CE
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS - ACTION ITEMS

REF: STATE 19399

1. THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD RUN-DOWN OF ACTION
ITEMS FLOWING FROM MY WASHINGTON CONSULATATIONS
AND FOR YOUR FINE HELP IN MAKING MY VISIT SO
PRODUCTIVE.

2. I AGREE THAT PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT AND
FEECS ARE MATTERS WHICH HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY.
HOPE WE CAN VERY SOON ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS
ON BOTH.

3. BELIEVE YOUR MESSAGE COVERS ALMOST ALL
ACTION ITEMS, BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TRY
TO OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM USIA AS TO WHAT THEY CAN DO IN
MALDIVES; I TALKED BRIEFLY WITH PETER BRESCIA AGAIN FOLLOWING
OLCOTT MOVIE, AND HE INDICATED USIS MIGHT
BE ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT USIS/COLOMBO BUDGET
WITH SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH COULD BE
USED IN MALDIVES. IF SO, THIS SHOULD MEET OUR
OBJECTIVE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BRESCIA'S
SUGGESTION TRANSLATED INTO TELEGRAM SIMILAR
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TO THAT SENT BY AID RE EDUCATION. UPON

RECEIPT, AND AFTER OBTAINING CONCURRENCE
MALDIVIAN GOVT, I WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND
3-MAN TEAM (AID EDUCATIONALIST, OFFICER FROM
USIS/COLOMBO, AND ANDY KAY) TO MALDIVES TO
EXPLORE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING US ANY
ADDITIONAL INFO RE ALGIERS AND LIMA
CONFERENCES (EXCLUDING REPORTING MESSAGES) TO
SUPPLEMENT USEFUL MATERIAL ENCLOSED WITH YOUR
JANUARY 6 LETTER TO RAY PERKINS.

5. AS FINAL ITEM, PLEASE NAIL DOWN HINES TDY
ASSIGNMENT TO COLOMBO AND INSURE THAT HE IS CUT
IN ON ALL APPROPRIATE PRE-SUMMIT MATERIAL.
VAN HOLLEN

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